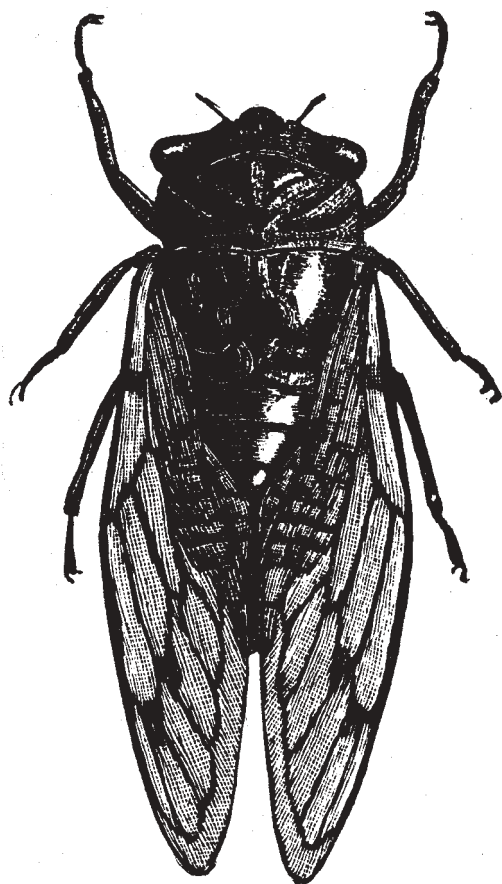


CINCINNATI PARKS

NATURE ACTIVITIES



SUMMER 2004

We operate 5 nature centers and the Krohn Conservatory; for more information about a specific center, call the naturalists at the numbers below. Come visit for a program or just drop by.
Note: Krohn Conservatory and Trailside Nature Center will be closed for remodeling this summer.

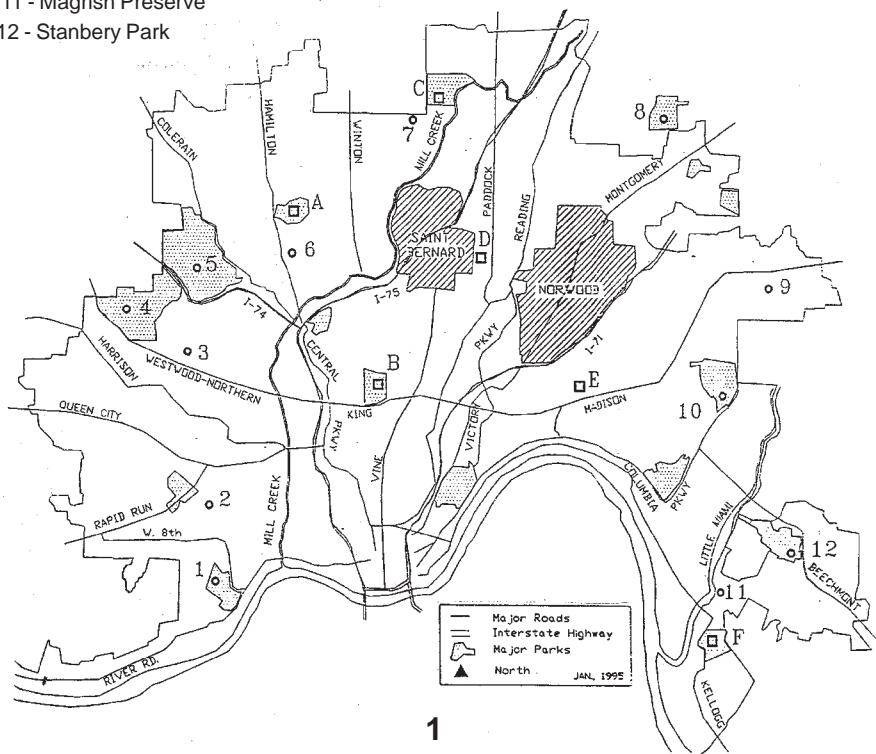
Avon Woods Nature Ctr.	4235 Paddock Road	861-3435
Bettman Natural Resources Ctr.	4 Beech Lane	321-6070
Caldwell Nature Ctr.	430 W. N. Bend Road	761-4313
California Woods Nature Ctr.	5400 Kellogg Avenue	231-8678
Krohn Conservatory	1501 Eden Park Dr.	421-5707
LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Ctr.	5400 Lanius Lane	542-2909

○ Preserves & Parks with Trails

- 1 - Mt. Echo Park
- 2 - Glenway Woods
- 3 - Brodbeck Preserve
- 4 - McFarlan Woods (Mt. Airy)
- 5 - Mt. Airy Forest
- 6 - Buttercup Valley / Parker's Woods
- 7 - Seymour Preserve
- 8 - French Park
- 9 - Little Duck Creek
- 10 - Ault Park
- 11 - Magrish Preserve
- 12 - Stanbery Park

□ Nature Centers

- A - LaBoiteaux Woods
- B - Trailside (Burnet Woods)
- C - Caldwell
- D - Avon Woods
- E - Bettman
- F - California Woods



Cincinnati Park Board Nature Activity Guide Summer 2004

Welcome to the natural heritage of your Cincinnati Parks. In the pages of this guide, you'll find Park Naturalist-led programs for the general public, suitable for all ages. Use this guide to locate those of greatest interest to yourself and your family. Be sure to check out the Cincinnati Parks' website. Go to

www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks

See you out in the parks!

The Cincinnati Park Board's Education Services Division has a mission to educate people of all ages about the ecological relationships and the natural and historical resources in the Cincinnati Parks and Preserves and to assist in their protection and management.

Groups (garden clubs, schools, pre-schools, senior organizations, and scouts) may schedule a special program by calling **321-6070**. Any group of 10 or more people is encouraged to get closer to nature through one of our weekday programs. Reservations are made on a first-call basis. Fees and information available; call **321-6070**.

Reasonable accommodations will be made upon request,
call 352-3380 TTY

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Public Hikes and Programs

(Unless otherwise noted, public programs are free.)



June

Cicada Celebration

Sat., June 5, 10:30 a.m. - Noon -- Caldwell Nature Center

Join park naturalists in celebrating nature's bounty as cicada love songs fill the air. Hunt for all three species, listen to the unique music of each type, and meet some up close. You'll find out what other cultures think of their music, what niche these interesting critters fill in nature, and which animals enjoy feasting on them. These insects are indeed edible! If you would like to stay after the walk you can have hors d'oeuvres as we fry 'em and try 'em. Reservations requested. For information and reservations call 761-4313 or 861-3435. Meet at the nature center building.

Cicadas on the West Side

Fri., June 18, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Rapid Run Park

The cicada celebration continues. If you can't beat 'em (and you really can't), at least try to understand them, and have some fun with the phenomenon. We'll take a look at cicada lore and legend, play some cicada-themed "Insect Olympic" games, and train our ears to pick out differences in cicada love songs. Part of the Family Fun Fridays sponsored by the Rapid Run Advisory Council. Meet at the shelter building overlooking the lake. Call 321-6070 ext. 14 for more information.

In Search of the FBI

Sat., June 19, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - Inwood Park

Go on the hunt to find the elusive **F**orgotten **B**eneficial **I**nvertebrates. Participants will be given a variety of investigative equipment and will follow the clues to solve the mystery of this hidden suspect. Prepare to explore a variety of habitats and get your hands wet and dirty! Appropriate for ages 6 and up. Meet at the pond. For more information, please call 321-6070 ext. 16.



Cast in Stone

Sat. June 19 - 1:00-2:30 p.m. - French Park

Sea creatures in Cincinnati? Be detectives as we look for fossils from ancient oceans. Learn to recognize a brachiopod and other Ordovician creatures. We will look at the casts and molds that have been left behind. Meet at the French House.

Sturdy shoes are recommended.

Call 231-8678 for more information.

Fossils

Fri., June 25, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. – McFarlan Woods

What lurked in the sea 450 million years ago? Come find out as we search for fossils from the Ordovician period. We will see the remains of ancient creatures such as brachiopods, bryozoans and maybe even trilobites. Meet in the parking lot. Sturdy shoes are a must. Call 761-4313 for more information.

Can You Canoe?



Fri., June 25, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Inwood Park

Can you canoe? Why sure you can, if you join us at Inwood Park. This program will give children of all ages the opportunity to paddle around our concrete pond as we learn the basics of safe canoeing. For more information, please call 321-6070 ext 15

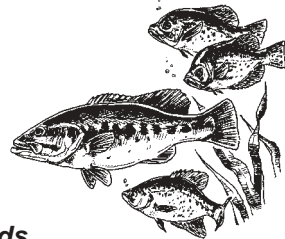
Alien Invaders

Sat., June 26, 10:30 a.m. - Noon - Mt. Storm Park

They're not from Mars but they sure are green. Join a park naturalist as we search for some of the alien invasive plant species that have made themselves at home in our parks. We'll learn what they look like, where they come from and how to keep them from taking over.

For more information, please call 861-3435

July



Hooked on Fishing

Fri., July 2, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Burnet Woods

Join us for a fun family fishing day. Bring your own equipment or use a cane pole from the nature center. A fishing license is NOT required, but reservations are. Call 861-3435 for more information and reservations. Check in at the Trailside Nature Center.

Meet the Presidents

Sat. July 10, 10-11:30 a.m - Presidential Grove, Eden Park

We may not meet Jimmy Carter or George Bush, but we will meet their trees. Come with us as we celebrate the American Presidents and their trees. Learn some presidential trivia and history of the grove. Meet outside the front entrance of Krohn Conservatory. Call 231-8678 for more information.

Dog Walk

Sun., July 11, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. – LaBoiteaux Woods

Enjoy nature with man's (or woman's) best friend. Bring your friendly pooch for an interpretive walk with our naturalist and her furry friend. Learn how to keep your dog happy and healthy while you both enjoy nature. Don't forget your leash and doggy waste bag. Call 542-2909 for more information. Meet at the nature center building.



The ABC's of Nature

Sat., July 17, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - Fairview Park

Children, especially preschoolers, are natural scientists. They are curious about the natural world around them and want to investigate everything they encounter. Children will be given simple tools to assist them in their explorations and parents will be given tips and tricks for fostering their child's love for nature. Appropriate for preschoolers and their energetic parents. Meet at the playground. Call 321-6070 ext. 16 for more information.



Pioneer Cemetery

Sat., July 24, 10:30 a.m. - Noon – Pioneer Cemetery

215 years ago a group of intrepid pioneers set sail into the great unknown. 215 years later we will discover some of the interesting history of our area's first settlement as we explore Cincinnati's pioneer cemetery. Find out what secrets they didn't take to the grave. For more information, please call 861-3435

Canoeing in the Concrete Pond

Fri. July 30, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Rapid Run Park

Ahoy there! It's another annual canoe launch on small but scenic Rapid Run Lake. Adventurers of all ages are invited to take a turn at the paddles. Never canoed before? This is the perfect time and place to learn the basics from an expert. Call Jim at 321-6070 ext. 15 for more information. Part of the Family Fun Friday series sponsored by the Rapid Run Advisory Board.



Once in a Blue Moon Hike

Sat., July 31 – 9:00 - 10:30 p.m. – Mt. Echo Park

Watch the full moon rise over the Ohio River, and wander the park under the first blue moon since November '01. What makes this moon called "blue" when it looks the same? We'll discuss that and other moon lore while we watch and listen for nocturnal wildlife, try moon activities, and experience the night. Meet at the Ohio River Overlook. Call 761-4313 for more information.



August

Summer Creeking at McFarlan

Sun., Aug. 1, 1:00–3:00 p.m. – McFarlan Woods

Creeks with pools that stay wet even in late summer are a vital natural resource for wildlife. Explore the small pools down in McFarlan's steep ravines and have a pleasant outdoor experience. Some steep trails; bring a walking stick if you have one. Meet at the parking lot.

For information call 761-4313.



High Summer Hike

Sat., Aug. 7, 10:00-11:30 a.m. – Stanbery Park.

Experience the summer season in its prime, but before the day heats up too much. We'll take a shady woodland walk to the stream to look for creek critters, and examine late-season plants, spiders, and other forest phenomena along the way.

Call 861-3435 for more information. Meet in the parking lot.

Nature Scavenger Hunt Challenge

Sat., Aug. 14, 10:00- Noon – Burnet Woods

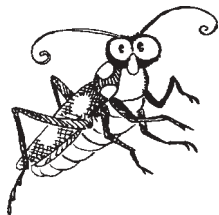
Go wild seeking out a variety of natural objects all over the summer woods! Family and/or group teams encouraged. Meet the park naturalist in front of Trailside Nature Center.

Honey Harvest

Sat. Aug. 21, 10:00 a.m.-Noon. - California Woods Nature Preserve

It's harvest time and the honey makers will share tales from the hive. Join us as we look at the life of this fascinating insect. We'll extract honey from our beehives and have a short walk to our apiary where you will safely observe open hive demonstrations from our screened tent.

Fee is \$3.00 per person, ages 4 and up. Limited spaces; reservations required. Call 231-8678 for more information.

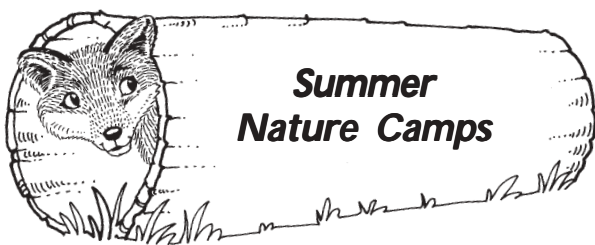


Abundant Bugs!

Sat., Aug. 28, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. – McEvoy Park

Sweep with a net and count your catch. How many different kinds of insects can you find? Learn to tell a beetle from a bug, and a moth from a butterfly. It's a great time of year to see insects. For information call 761-4313.

Programs for Children age 5 - 13



For a complete schedule of Cincinnati Parks' summer day camps, **call 321-6070.**

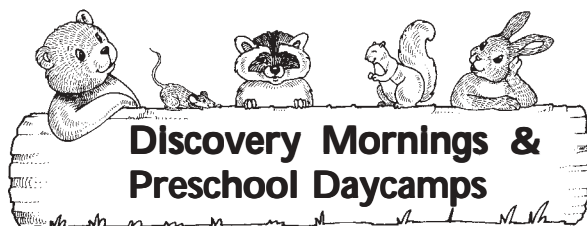
We will be happy to mail you a brochure.

Summer Nature Day Camps are offered at parks and nature centers throughout the city during the summer months. Most camps last 5 or 6 days; from about 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. until 1:30 - 2:30 p.m..

Fees average \$50 for city residents; \$60 for non-residents per camp.

You can access information on all our nature camps and summer preschool programs, and download registration forms at our website:
www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks

Preschool programs



For a complete schedule of Cincinnati Parks' Discovery Mornings and Preschool Camps, **call 321-6070.**

We will be happy to mail you a brochure.

Discovery Mornings meet for 4 mornings (Tues. - Fri.), from 9:30 - 11:30, at neighborhood parks throughout Cincinnati. Children ages 3½ - 5 explore nature themes through games, activities, a short hike and a simple craft.

Fee: \$25.00 / week for Cincinnati city residents

\$30.00 / week for non-residents

Preschool daycamps are offered at:

Avon Woods Nature Center (June 28 - July 3 and Aug. 2 - 5)

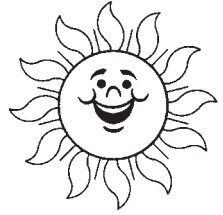
and LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Center (starts June 14) .

Fee: \$40.00 (Avon) or \$25 (LaBoiteaux) for Cincinnati city residents

\$50.00 (Avon) or \$35 (LaBoiteaux) for non-residents

Make Your Own Fun in Cincinnati Parks

*What can you do in a Cincinnati Park during the summer months?
Try some of the following yourself, or with friends and family:*



- * Sail a boat on a concrete pond. Eden Park (Twin Lakes area), Rapid Run Park, and Inwood Park have ornamental “lakes” where toy boats are welcome.
- * Play frisbee golf at Burnet Woods or Mt. Airy Forest.
- * Stroll through the gardens at Ault Park, Hinkle Gardens in Eden Park (just downhill from Krohn), Lytle Park, or the Mt. Airy Arboretum.
- * Enjoy an international experience at Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park. Contemplate “Sparrow Hawk,” the Chinese Scholar Stone; see yourself reflected in the Munich Pavilion; make crayon rubbings of international icons.
- * Hunt for 400 million year old fossils in park streams. (You may take home a limited number of finds; excessive or commercial collecting or the removal of rocks is prohibited.) McFarlan Woods, French Park, Stanbery Park, and Mt. Airy are good fossil-hunting locations.
- * Picnic at any of the larger neighborhood or regional parks.
- * Hike shaded trails at any of the nature centers, or at Ault, French, Mt. Airy / McFarlan, Stanbery, Alms, or Mt. Echo.
- * Watch butterflies at the wetland and meadow plantings in Kennedy Heights and MacEvoy Parks, or in the gardens listed above.
- * Go fishing at Burnet Woods Lake - no license or fee required.
- * Take an excellent adventure into Cincinnati’s past by exploring the monuments and statues preserved in Piatt, Lytle, Eden, Washington, and Burnet Woods Parks and at Pioneer Memorial Cemetery.
- * Give your “best friend” a social life at the Dog Park (on Westwood-Northern Blvd.)
- * Play baseball on park fields with friends.
- * Relax, enjoy fresh breezes and bird songs, and savor the summer experience under tall old trees out in the Cincinnati Parks - everybody’s back yard.

More Free Summer Events in Your Parks

Music and Dance



Plaza Jazz Series

Saturdays, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Burnet Woods, at Clifton & Ludlow Aves.

May 15 - Mike Wade Quartet

June 05 - Ricky Nye & Nick Lloyd

May 22 - Hawthorne & Stein

June 12 - Steve Coghill & John Keene

May 29 - Iswhat!?

Enjoy a variety of music performed by local musicians - jazz, classical, keyboard.

For more information, call (513) 352-4080.

Summer Sounds

Sundays, June 27, July 18, Aug. 8, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Burnet Woods Bandstand

Come out for cool music on a hot night, right in the heart of Clifton. Listen to the very best in folk-rock music from critically acclaimed local artists. Bring your picnics. Media partner: WNKU. Call (513) 352-4080 for more information.

LPK Acoustic Lunch at Piatt Park

Every Tuesday, June 1 - Aug. 31, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Piatt Park (Vine & Eighth St.- Downtown)

This popular lunchtime series features concerts with local singer/songwriters performing a variety of musical styles.

Media partners: WNKU & Downtowner. For more information call (513) 352-4080.



Ault Park Advisory Council Dance Series

Thursdays, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, 6:00 - 10:30 p.m. - Ault Park Pavilion

Free summer dances at Ault Park Pavilion sponsored by the Ault Park Advisory Council (APAC). Dance to the music of The Soul Pocket Band (June), The Modulators (July), and Leroy Ellington and the E-Funk Band (Aug.). For more information call APAC at (513) 956-9876 or visit www.aultparkac.org.

Big Dance Series

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

June 23, Owl's Nest Park - Maple Knoll Big Band – 40s & 50s swing and standards

July 14, Mt. Echo Park - Ooh La La & The Greasers – 50s & 60s Oldies

Aug. 18, Eden Park - Leroy Ellington & E-Funk – 70s, 80s, R&B and soul

This oldest musical series west of the Alleghenies has a new name (formerly the Big Band series) and a new feel this year. The Big Dance Series will feature three dances at three different parks with music from three different eras.

The series is supported by the Ampt Fund.

Produced by Johnny Schott Talent & Events.

Call (513) 352-4080 for more information.





Something for Everyone

Family Fun Fridays

Fridays, June 18 through July 30, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Rapid Run Park

The whole family will enjoy Family Fun Fridays, sponsored by the Rapid Run Advisory Council. Activities include theater, games, canoeing and much more. Meet in the shelter building overlooking the lake. Call 513-251-1569 for more information. Hosted by the Cincinnati Park Board.

Warder Nursery End of Show Sale

Saturday, June 26, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 4000 Warder Drive

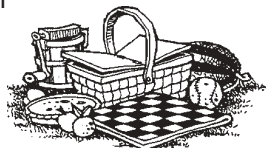
An assortment of annuals, tropicals, and others at rock bottom prices. No pre-sales. Cash or check only. For more information, call 421-5707.

Everybody's Backyard Picnics

Thurs. July 29, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Drake Park

Sat. Aug. 14 - time TBD - Fleischmann Gardens

Bring the family for food, fun and games in two of your Cincinnati neighborhood parks - everybody's backyard. For more information, call (513) 352-4080.



National Police Night Out

Tues., Aug. 3, - Ault Park

Games, goodies, people to meet and things to do - there's something for everyone at the National Police Night Out. Visit the Parks' Nature Education station, and discuss the weather with Rich Appuzzo of Channel 19.

See You Later at...

Great Outdoors Weekend at various parks, on Sat. & Sun., Sept. 25 & 26

Magic Forest Walks at Caldwell Nature Center, on Fri. & Sat. Oct. 29 & 30

Holiday Crafts at LaBoiteaux Woods, on Fri. Dec. 10

Winter in the Woodlands at California Woods, on Sat. Dec. 11

Maple in Mt. Airy at Oak Ridge Lodge, Sat. March 5, 2005

Pancakes in the Woods on Sun. March 13, 2005.

Mark your calendar now for these popular programs!
Call 321-6070 for more information.

